

BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS

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The State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals (“State Board”) was established in 2004 and operates under the provisions of Title 20 of the Health Occupations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. In 2007, the State Board became General funded.

The State Board is the certification authority for Residential Child Care Program Administrators (“RCCPAs”). In 2008 the State Board’s authority was expanded to include the certification of Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners (RCYCP) employed by programs licensed by the Department of Human Services, the Department of Juvenile Services, and the Department of Health.

The State Board consists of 12 members, of which six are representatives appointed by the secretaries of various State agencies involved in the licensing and monitoring of Residential Child Care Programs. These agencies include the Department of Health’s Behavioral Health Administration and Developmental Disabilities Administration, the Department of Human Services, the Department Juvenile Services, the Maryland State Department of Education and the Governor’s Office for Children. The remaining six members are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary Department of Health. Of these six members, three are RCCPAs, one is a RCYCP and two consumer members.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Krystal Holland, Board Chair, RCCPA
Janet Furman, Vice Chair, Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Adm
Nicole Smith, Board Secretary, RCCPA
Darlene Ham, Department of Human Services
Brady Daniels Consumer Member
Ada Pearl Thomas, Consumer Member
Sonya White-Norman, Department of Juvenile Services
William Frank, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Disabilities
Dorenzer Thomas, RCCPA
Sheila Philip, Maryland Department of Education
Caroline Jones, Department of Health, Behavioral Health Adm
Vacant, RCYCP

STAFF:

James T. Mellow, Executive Director
Gwendolyn Joyner, Deputy Director
Ena Mendez, Licensing Coordinator
Carla Boyd, AAG, Board Counsel

The Board’s staff is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Board and the coordination of administrative activities with other government agencies. In addition to the above staff, the Board shares its financial, information technology and investigative staff with the other Health Occupation Boards under the Maryland Department of Health.

BOARD MEETINGS:

The Board conducts public meetings on the second Friday of the month throughout the year. The dates, times, and place of meetings are published on the Board’s website. The State Board does not meet in August or November.

MISSION:

The mission of the State Board is to protect children living in Maryland’s residential child care programs and to promote quality of care in the field of Residential Child Care through:

- 1) Certifying and regulating RCCPAs and RCYCPs;
- 2) Receiving and resolving complaints from the public, licensing authorities, courts, employers, insurance companies, other certificate holders regarding RCCPAs and RCYCPs who may have violated the practice act and its regulations; and
- 3) Setting the standards for RCCPAs and RCYCPs that reflect new and emergent developments in the profession.

REVENUE REPORT: -- General Fund

Revenue from all categories:

Youth Care Practitioner Initial Application	\$25,350.00
Youth Care Practitioner Reinstatement	\$ 850.00
Youth Care Practitioner Renewal	\$16,900.00
Program Administrator Renewal	\$14,000.00
Program Administrator Initial Application	\$ 3,000.00
Program Administrator Reinstatement Fee	\$ 2,000.00
Program Administrator State Comprehensive Exam	\$ 2,125.00
Acting Capacity Program Administrators	\$ 750.00
Approval of Continuing Education Programs	\$ 200.00
Preceptor Authorization	\$ 100.00

Reprocessing Fee	\$ 100.00
Name or Address Change Fine	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 150.00
Total Revenue	<u>\$65,575.00</u>

EXPENDITURE REPORT:

Personnel	\$184,559
Operating	\$ 52,507
Shared	<u>\$ 30,172</u>
Total	\$267,238

NUMBER OF LICENSES:

June 30, 2018:

Licensed Program Administrators	88
Licensed Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners	1,195

LEGISLATION:

During the 2018 General Assembly legislation the following legislation was enacted that impacted the Board:

SB 711 (CH0569)

This legislation required a health occupation board to send by first class mail a renewal application at the request of a licensee, permit holder, certificate holder, or registrant if the health occupations board chooses to send renewal notices or renewed licenses, permits, certifications, or registrations exclusively by e-mail.

SB0058 (CH0411)

This legislation repealed an erroneous provision of the law regarding immunity from liability for participating in the activities of the State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals. In addition, the legislation repealed the requirement that the Board adopt certain regulations for approved training programs for the residential child and youth care practitioners and repealing the requirement that the Board post a list of approved residential child care training programs on its website.

SB10028 (CH0685)

This legislation prohibits certain mental health or child care practitioners from engaging in conversion therapy with individuals who are minors. It provides that a certain mental health or child care practitioner who engages in conversion therapy with a minor shall be considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary actions and defining “Conversion

Therapy” as a practice or treatment by a mental health or child care practitioner that seeks to change an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity.

REGULATIONS:

During the reporting period July 1, through June 30, 2018 the Board promulgated regulations that:

Clarified the documentation required to be submitted when applying for certification as a residential child and youth care practitioner.